# CITY MANAGER MARCH ROUND-UP



**Welcome Our Sister City - Otsuchi** 



On March 18, 2024, we had the pleasure of hosting guests from our sister city, Otsuchi, in the City of Fort Bragg. A heartfelt welcoming ceremony took place, which included a special gift exchange between the visiting group and our esteemed Mayor Norvell at Town Hall.





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## STREETS REHAB UPDATES



During the month of March, the intersection of Oak and Harold was paved and is pending the installation of high-visibility striped crosswalks to be deemed complete. Argonaut Contractors also completed the re-pavement of the 500 block of South Harold and the 100 block of Chestnut Street as well as a few smaller street sections.

Project Look Ahead; As long as forecasted weather remains clear, contractors will be rapidly working through the remaining tasks to complete the other streets programmed for this project. The first week in April, Boatyard Drive and West Fir Street will be repaved. Also during this week, crews will begin some of the signage and striping for areas of the project that are paved. In the second week of April, construction crews will return to N Franklin Street and continue working their way north to the project limits. The work scheduled for April 8th-12th includes pavement rehabilitation in the 300 and 400 block of North Franklin. Noticing for this work will be disseminated at the end of the prior week, to provide advance notice to impacted businesses. Signage and striping work will continue over a 4 week period, which includes refreshing the red paint on the stamped crosswalks in the Central Business District.



## **CITY EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

We celebrate the dedication and hard work of our city employees, who tirelessly contribute behind the scenes. Their commitment is crucial to the city's functioning, meriting our utmost appreciation and acknowledgment. This month, we look to the Finance Department to select our March Employee Spotlight for their exceptional contributions.

#### MEET ADRIANA MORENO RAMOS FINANCE TECH III





We are thrilled to shine a spotlight on one of our most dedicated and hardworking finance technicians, Adriana Moreno Ramos.

Adriana is a wonderful, caring, and loving mother of two. She grew up in Fort Bragg and has always enjoyed giving back to her community. You can often find her volunteering as a soccer coach for the local recreation league. In her free time, she loves walking the coastal trail and going to the beach. As a diligent finance technician, she takes pride in efficiently processing business licenses. She enthusiastically states, "I am continually learning, but I take pleasure in being among the first to discover new businesses opening in the city."

With an unwavering commitment to accuracy and attention to detail, Adriana consistently demonstrates a profound understanding of financial principles and procedures. Her proactive approach and willingness to go above and beyond exemplify the qualities of a true professional, making her an invaluable asset to our organization.

Adriana's diverse background in the food service industry and healthcare has uniquely prepared her for her current role in the City's finance department. Over the last two years, she has shown dedication and is thrilled to be part of such an exceptional team. It is a privilege to recognize Adriana for her unwavering dedication and outstanding contributions to the finance department's success.

## **CITY OF FORT BRAGG - NEW HIRES**





"JOIN US AND TURN YOUR PASSION INTO IMPACT:

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OUR COMMUNITY!"

- Finance Technician I Temporary
- Senior Government Accountant
- Community Services Officer
- Police Officer
- Life Guards

# Business Assistance and Microenterprise Financial Assistance Workshop for Local Businesses



## Friday, April 12, 2024 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM

# LOAN APPROVED

#### Workshop will be held at Town Hall

Town Hall: 363 N Main St Fort Bragg, CA 95437

The City of Fort Bragg is offering a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) business assistance technical workshop for local businesses.

Please note that while anyone can attend the workshop, only businesses within the City limits are eligible to apply for the City's Business Assistance Loan Program.

Programs are funded by CDBG funds from the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

Purpose	The City of Fort Bragg offers business loans funded with Community Development Block Grants (CDBG). The purpose of these business loans is to provide flexible financing to businesses which, in turn, create or retain jobs.	
Funding Source	State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	
Loan Amount	From \$35,000 to \$300,000 * depending on funds available.	
Interest Rates	As low as 1.0%, based on the cash flow needs of the borrower and the risk level of the loan. Repayment terms are based on the ability of the business to repay the loan.	
Collateral	Junior lien positions are possible, a personal loan guarantee is required.	
Repayment Schedules / Terms	A deferral of payments is possible based on income & expense projections and the loan term can exceed the life of the asset. The repayment schedule is based on the capacity of the business to repay the loan.	
Loan Fees	None	
Job Creation	One job per \$35,000 loaned, with 51% of the jobs to be filled by members of the low to moderate income group.	
Use of Funds	Purchase of equipment, inventory, real property, working capital, debt consolidation.  Construction is less preferable due to Davis Bacon Labor Law requirements.	
Contact	Jeff Lucas, Program Consultant Community Development Services 3895 Main Street, Kelseyville, CA	Office: 707-279-1540 ext. 200 Cell: 707-489-4943 Email: jeff@cdsconsulting

## **CITY RECREATION: CV STARR COMMUNITY CENTER**







C.V. STARR **COMMUNITY CENTER** 

> **GENEALOGY BASICS** LEVEL 1



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GENERATIONS

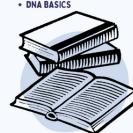
**FAMILY HISTORY** 

- LEARN ABOUT RESOURCES AVAILABLE
- EVERY THURSDAY, APRIL 18-MAY 30
- 6:45-7:45PM 6 WEEK COURSE FOR \$60





- ARCHIVAL RECORDS
- DNA BASICS



- PERFECT FOR BEGINNERS
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- LOCAL FOCUS INCLUDED
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For more information or payment, contact: linda@generationsgenealogyservices.com 707-397-5335

### What a Great Night! Special Olympics

The Seaguls played 4 games with our Local first responders. City of Fort Bragg Police Department, Mendocino Sheriff, United States Coast Guard and the Fort Bragg Fire Department. Thank you!











## Join out Team at CV Starr

APRIL 8 TO APRIL 12

"C Dive into an exciting opportunity! 📤 We're seeking passionate individuals to join our lifequard team! Are you ready to make a splash and ensure the safety of our pool patrons?

Apply now and become a vital part of our aquatic community. Enjoy flexible hours, competitive pay, and the chance to make a real difference. The Lifequard

certification class will be on April 8-12th. Don't miss out on this wave of opportunity - apply today!

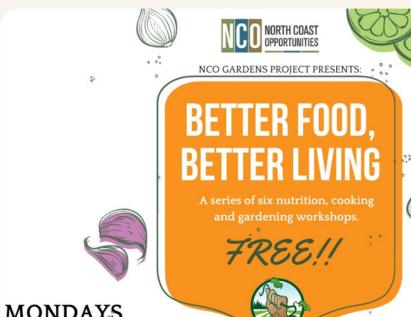
To apply: Email: kramey@fortbragg.com Phone: (707) 964-9446 ext 105

## **CITY COUNCIL RECAP - MARCH 2024**

Here's a recap of recent City Council meetings and some decisions that may interest you:



- On Mar. 11, 2024, City Council **approved a third amendment with De Novo Planning Group** for additional work on FEIR.
- On Mar. 11, 2024, City Council **approved an award of a design contract to Whitchurch Engineering** for the CV Starr HVAC.
- On Mar. 11, 2024, City Council adopted Ordinance 987-2024 which increased Capacity Charges and Impact Fees.
- On Mar. 11, 2024, City Council approved a letter in opposition to AT&T CPUC's application.
- On Mar. 11, 2024, City Council received a presentation on the 2023 Police Department Annual Report.
- On Mar. 20, 2024, City Council **received updates** from the Finance Dept. at the **Mid Year Budget workshop.**
- On Mar. 25, 2024, City Council **adopted Ordinance 985-2024 to** establish regulations and standards for **Accessory Dwelling Units.**
- On Mar. 25, 2024, City Council **adopted Ordinance 986-2024 to** comply with recent changes in the State of California's housing law related to **Urban Lot Splits** and **Two Unit Development**.
- On Mar. 25, 2024, City Council City Council approved the Request for Proposals for professional services for a Fireworks Provider for the 4th of July.
- On Mar. 25, 2024, City Council City Council approved the Request for Proposals for professional services for Sea Level Rise, Tsunami Hazards, and Erosion Resilience Strategy for Noyo Harbor.
- On Mar. 25, 2024, City Council received a presentation of the City of Fort Bragg's Emergency Operations Plan.
- On Mar. 25, 2024, City Council **provided direction regarding the 2022-2023 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Grant Application.**
- On Mar. 25, 2024, City Council approved a contract change order with Akeff Construction, Inc. for the Bainbridge Park Playground Replacement Project, City Project No. PWP-00096.



#### **MONDAYS**

**Hospitality Center** 101 N Franklin St. Fort Bragg, CA April 1st-May 6 @ 10am



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Questions? Contact Andy Buchanan 707 621-8115

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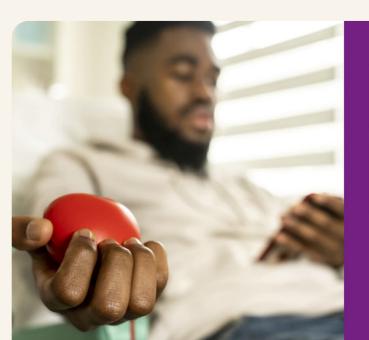
**APRIL 27, 2024** 9:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.



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### Mendocino Coast Community Blood Drive

WED, April 10<sup>th</sup>,1:00 pm – 5:15 pm THURS, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 1:45 pm

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Bragg - Church Hall

367 S Sanderson Way Fort Bragg, CA 95437







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